Welcome to the newsletter for the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Our chapter is based in the Greater Richmond area and represents over 60 firms with over 400 members.

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear AIA Richmond members,

I hope your new year is off to an exciting start! Our Board of Directors has been working diligently to get 2019 off to an amazing start! In November, we had our annual Board Retreat where we focused on what AIA Richmond would like to accomplish for 2019. Each committee chair discussed what they would like to see their committees accomplish for the following year. The ideas shared at the Board Retreat were creative and inspiring.

What’s going to happen in 2019? First let’s start with our vision statement: “For AIA Richmond to continue to foster creativity and elevate design while educating and serving the community we live in”. This sets the foundation for all that we plan on achieving this year. From cornerstone events like Front Porch and Welcome to Richmond to new events and initiatives, our Board has a lot in store for our members this year!

This year the Board of Directors introduced the opportunity to be an annual sponsor of AIA Richmond. This initiative has been a success thus far and I would like to thank all those that have signed up to be an annual sponsor of AIA Richmond. With your support, AIA Richmond is able to continue to support our members and engage in the community that we live in.

We kicked 2019 off with our Committee Appreciation event hosted at Taste Westhampton. This event was intended to say thank you to all our current committee members and highlight our committees for anyone curious about them. The evening was filled with discussions and ideas for the new year. It truly was a great way to kick-off 2019!

One of our goals for this year is to get more involved in our local K-12 schools. There has been a sub-committee formed and they are already running full steam ahead to find ways to educate students. They are contacting local schools to find ways to be a part of the STEAM programs as well as supporting the startup of ACE in Richmond again. ACE Richmond held a recruiting event in February where an ACE National representative spoke about the opportunities for growth and laid the foundation for a strong Richmond presence in our K-12 schools. There was an excellent turnout from all industries at the event. There was a lot of momentum in the room and there will be a chapter beginning this year.

There are several AIA Richmond events happening during our first quarter. Please join Richmond Women in Design at their excellent monthly events. From networking events, presentations to discussions RWiD focuses on ways to encourage and inspire individuals to be involved in the design community. Join the Young Architects Forum as they host an ARE seminar and hard hat tour. YAF provides networking, social and professional development opportunities for younger architects specifically, but also provides opportunities for generations to get to know one another better. The Professional Development committee has planned interesting lunch and learns for the AIA Richmond community. Please visit aiarva.org to register and see what the monthly topic will be.

Architecture Month in April is fast approaching! The Board is organizing quite the line up of events. From Opening night at the Squirrels baseball game to a series of Movies at the Byrd, our committees have been working hard to make April jam packed with exciting events. Everyone is invited and the events in April are meant to showcase Architecture to the Richmond community! This Architecture month I encourage you to invite someone, a coworker, friend or family member, to an event to help spread awareness of the Architecture profession and celebrate the impact of the profession on our community. Be on the lookout for your postcard sized calendars coming to you in late March!

As you can see our Board of Directors is working hard to ensure we are doing all that we can to advance the profession, expand awareness and appreciation of architecture in our community. If you have any thoughts in how we can continue to support our members, please don’t hesitate to reach out to myself or anyone else on the board. I’m looking forward to all the happenings in 2019 and I hope to see you at the upcoming events!!!

Krystal Anderson, AIA
President, AIA Richmond
The chapter hosted its annual Holiday party on December 4th, in the heart of Jackson Ward, at the Hippodrome’s Speakeasy Grill.

Thanks again to this year’s Sponsors!

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Anca providing the last Treasurer’s Report of the year

Meet the New Board Members!
Studio Two Three hosted this year’s Front Porch event at their spacious studio space in Scott’s Addition. This year’s focus was on the current process for updating the Richmond City Master Plan.

“Richmond 300: A guide for Growth” is the name of the City’s new Master Plan, so named because they are asking the question: what do you want the city to be in 2037 when it celebrates its 300th anniversary. Presenting the process were Mark Olinger, Director, Department of Planning and Development with City of Richmond, along with some members of the Richmond 300 Advisory Council, including Burt Pinnock of Baskervill.

Get Involved
Visit www.richmond300.com and learn how you can participate:

Richmond 300 will be developed with extensive community engagement. As such, there will be numerous ways to participate - some more time-intensive than others.
A group of RWiD members toured the newly revitalized Monroe Park, a $6 million dollar renovation that included over a hundred new trees, thousands of shrubs, paved walks, lighting, and bioretention elements. Re-opened in late September, the renovation effort was spearheaded by the Monroe Park Conservancy.

Learn more about the history of Monroe Park and how the renovation came about by visiting the Monroe Park Conservancy website:

www.monroepark.com
ARCHITECTURE EXCHANGE EAST

Held annually, ArchEx is the mid-Atlantic region's premier conference and expo for architects, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, and planners.

2018's theme: “Tension”, specifically, how tension can make - or break - design. “From the physical tension, to spatial tension, to the tension between creative vision and practical restrictions, design is about finding the ideal balance between opposing forces.”

For a full recap of the conference, visit the Architecture Exchange East page of the AIA Virginia website:

https://www.aiava.org/category/architecture-exchange-east/

Keynote Speaker: Diebedo Francis Kere, Hon. FAIA

The inspiring architect from Burkina Faso has been recognized nationally and internationally and completed projects in countries around the world including the United States, Burkina Faso, Mali, Germany, Kenya, and Uganda.

Also speaking: Michael Ford, The Hip-Hop Architect

Born and raised in Detroit, Ford is the designer of The Universal Hip Hop Museum. He has dedicated his professional career to stimulating cross-disciplinary discourse on the sociological and cultural implications of architecture and urban planning on its inhabitants. Focusing on the intersection of the built environment and hip hop culture, through three interconnected realms; academia, media and practice, Ford's national Hip Hop Architecture lecture tour has included keynotes at The American Institute of Architects National Convention, South by Southwest Eco Conference and academic lectures at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design, Carnegie Mellon University, and his alma mater the University of Detroit Mercy, where he received his master’s degree in architecture.
Evelyn Saunders was awarded the inaugural 2017 AIA Richmond Scholarship. The $1000 scholarship may be used for tuition fees, books, supplies, and other educational expenses. Evelyn is now attending University of Virginia as a part of the class of 2021 and has a thank you and a few other words to say:

Architecture is powerful. It is an immersive, compelling form of communication that mankind uses to build a more complex, beautiful society. My interest in architecture is rooted in my love of people. It’s important to listen to others, care about those around you, and help those in need. I want to help improve people’s lives by improving the environment in which they live. Richmond has a wealth of resources in architecture and design, and I was fortunate to benefit from many of those. My love of people and art brought me to experiences with several local programs and architectural firms, such as Baskervill’s Explore Design program, Glave & Holmes, HKS, and the Richmond Women In Design program. I know I would not be the person I am today if it were not for the opportunities afforded me by this city and its incredible people and communities.

I received the AIA Richmond Scholarship in 2017 when I graduated from Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School. I am grateful for the generous people who gave, and continue giving, to Richmond’s aspiring young architects. This scholarship helped make my education possible. It has allowed me to focus on what was really important, the lessons and skills I have been engaging with at the University of Virginia, and to worry less about how I would navigate the finances required to accomplish my goals.

I am currently a second year architecture major on the pre-professional path pursuing dual minors in historic preservation and politics. As a student of architecture, I strive to make the most of what I already learned from the generous people in Richmond’s architectural community. My experiences and the lessons I learned from the Richmond architectural community will inform the direction and purpose of my professional path and all that I do.
**NEW HIRES**

Kimya Salari has joined Gresham Smith as an architectural project coordinator in the healthcare studio.

Eric Silinsh is Director of the Hospitality Studio at Glave & Holmes Architecture. He had been with Robert A. M. Stern Architects in New York.

**PROMOTIONS**

Eric Saylor and Audrey Sweeley have been named partners with Price Simpson Harvey. Eric is an Architect and Audrey is an interior designer.

Robert Parise has been promoted to principal. He is a Director of one of the Higher Education Studios at Glave & Holmes Architecture.

Jessica Ritter was promoted to Director of the Interior Design Studio at Glave & Holmes Architecture.

**IN THE NEWS**

Nick Cooper, AIA
Voted Style Magazine 40 Under 40
Nick is Vice President and lead architectural designer at HKS Architects.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April is Architecture Month!

Check out the calendar of events on the next pages and participate in as many as you can!

**SEND US YOUR NEWS**

Have news to share with your AIA Richmond community? Please send your news to the Public Relations Committee Chair, Luis Huertas: Luis@sustaindesign.net

**COVER PHOTO / SKETCH SUBMISSIONS:**

We’re always looking to share artistic images made by members on the newsletter cover! Submit images to Luis Huertas at the address above.
# Architecture Month

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ARCHITECTURE MONTH // DETAILS

1. Honors Awards Nomination & Design Awards Deadline
   5:00 pm - Submit nominations to info@ciava.org

2. YAF Architecture Design Challenge Revealed
   Uniting Richmond through community design. Details online.
   April 29 - Submissions Due // April 30 - Awards Reception

3. YAF Sketching RVA
   Brown bag lunch session and design walk to sketch our river city.
   Meet in ICA Lobby at 12:00 pm (ends at 1:30 pm) - RSVP online

Every Wednesday in April
Community & Government Affairs Movies at the Byrd
Join us at 7:00 pm for architecture-themed movies at the Byrd Theatre:
   April 3 - Inception
   April 10 - North by Northwest
   April 17 - Blade Runner
   April 20 - Lego Movie (Saturday Showing @ 10:00 am)
   April 24 - Grand Budapest Hotel

4. Allied Members Squirrels Baseball Game Opening Night
   6:35 pm at the Richmond Flying Squirrels Stadium - $5 tickets
   Register online for tickets at www.ciava.org

11. Professional Development Lunch & Learn
    Significant Changes for the 2015 International Building Code
    11:45 am - 1:00 pm at Moseley Architects - Register online

16. YAF Mentorship Series
    Approaching an RFP or Interview for New Work
    6:00 - 8:00 pm at Triple Crossing Brewery - Register online

17. RW/ID Member Project Share "PechaKucha"
    5:30 - 7:00 pm at Baskerville

Alice Lehman Sunday Prize - Entries Due

18. Alice Lehman Sunday Prize - Reception and Jury Happy Hour
    5:00 - 7:30 pm The Hard Shell Down town sponsored by Rockton

23. AIA RVA Honors & Awards
    5:30 - 8:00 pm The Virginia War Memorial sponsored by
    Gresham Smith & Logan VA

25. Shade & Wise's Thirsty Thursday
    4:30 - 7:00 pm at Vassen Brewing Company

30. YAF Design Challenge Reception
    6:00 - 8:00 pm at Storefront for Community Design

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